(b) if so, the policy decision in this regard; and

(c) if not, whether the matter would be examined and appropriate decision would be conveyed to the public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Slab pricing of rail tickets

1298. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government are planning to go in for slab pricing of railway tickets as it is presently working in the airline sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much time it would take for its final implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Various strategies, including variable pricing, for improving occupation of passenger trains are under examination. However, no final decision has yet been taken.

Internal Rate of Return of rail lines falling under Rajasthan

† 1299. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Internal Rate of Return (IRR) from the new rail lines i.e. Dahod-Banswara, Ratlam-Banswara-Dungarpurand Falowdi-Nagaurin Rajasthan as per survey; and

(b) the reasons for finding them non-profitable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The rate of return is given as under:-

(i) Dahod-Banswara	-	(-) 2.41%
(ii) Dungarpur-Ratlam *via* Banswara	-	(-) 2.35%
(iii) Phalodi-Nagaur		(-) 9.27%

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.